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# Maggie Brooks

## MONROE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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### **BROOKS ANNOUNCES BLUE ANGELS RETURN FOR 2004 AIRSHOW**

Monroe County Executive Maggie Brooks announced today that the 2004 ESL International Airshow will be held July 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> at the Greater Rochester International Airport (GRIA). The United States Navy's famed precision flying team, the Blue Angels, will return as the major act at the upcoming airshow.

"Monroe County is proud that the Blue Angels have hand selected GRIA as one of its 34 show sites across the United States", Brooks said. "This marks the third time in six years our airshow has been privileged to host the Blue Angels and we are thrilled to have them back for another year."

ESL Federal Credit Union is the title/sponsor for this year's airshow. A portion of the ESL International Airshow proceeds will be donated to Camp Good Days and Special times in support of their mission and celebration of the Camps' 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

In addition to the famous Blue Angels, there will be several civilian airshow performers participating in the ESL International Airshow, promising to keep spectators at the edge of their seats.

- **The Red Baron Squadron:** Sponsored by Red Baron Pizza, the team will be flying their highly modified World War II Stearman aircraft. Also celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary the Squadron will be providing the Red Baron Flight Club, featuring flight simulators, virtual reality and hands on games, pedal airplanes, pilot autographs and a tented theater. The team is a past recipient of the International Council of Airshows Art Scholl Showmanship award (ICAS).
- **Gene Soucy and Teresa Stokes:** Flying a modified Ag-Cat, Gene and Teresa will be performing exciting single ship aerobatics and a thrilling wing-walking routine. Gene is an internationally recognized aerobatic champion and a former winner of the ICAS Sword of Excellence.
- **The Iron Eagles Aerobatic Team:** The duo of Billy Segalla and Bill Gordon will be flying their Christen Eagles for a thrilling and energetic aerobatic routine.

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- **Kirby Chambliss:** For the first time, the airshow will be featuring Mr. Kirby Chambliss, who won the U.S. National Aerobatic Championships in 1998 and 2002. Kirby will be flying the Extra 300, and demonstrating his refined skills that earned him the National Champion title.
- **Mike Mancuso:** Flying an Extra 300, Mike has impressed audiences throughout the United States with his precision aerobatics and high energy maneuvers.

Spectators to the ESL International Airshow can also look forward to viewing static displays of military aircraft, aircraft and auxiliary equipment from Federal Express, fly-bys with the F-117 nighthawk and B-2 Spirit Bomber. Additionally, there will be family entertainment including an airshow themed Kid Zone, the Kiddie Kommando Area, a Blue Angel Photo cockpit and more. Food vendors from the Rochester community will provide a diverse menu for airshow patrons throughout the weekend.

Ticket information will be available early in the spring. For other airshow program details you may check the website at [www.rochesterairshow.com](http://www.rochesterairshow.com).

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